



Tainan Mayor - Ching-te Lai - Arizona Visit

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Thursday, August 21, 12:00 p.m.

Governor's Second Floor Conference Room, Executive Tower

Hello. I'm pleased to be here today as we celebrate a national pastime ... and continue to build upon Arizona's friendship with Tainan.

I am also very pleased to welcome Mayor William Lai of Tainan to Arizona.

As Governor of Arizona, I have made it a personal mission to make Arizona the best place in the United States to do business.

And that means constantly pursuing and strengthening economic ties with valued trade partners ... like Tainan.

Last November, I was proud to sign a Friendship Agreement that will do just that.

Like Taiwan, Arizona has one of the fastest rebounding economies -- attracting the best talent and boasting world-class science, technology, high-tech manufacturing, and I-T industries.

I am also encouraged by the strong ties we share when it comes to America's favorite pastime ... and one of Taiwan's oldest national sports ... baseball.

For the past two weeks, Arizona has been proud home to the Tainan Little League Team.

I'm glad they were able to take a well-deserved break from their training to join us today. Please help me welcome and recognize this talented team!

Mayor Lai, I promised to share our "game secrets" with you -- and I know you'll be touring some of our fields this afternoon.

Every spring, Arizona hosts Major League Baseball's month long preseason of games with our Cactus League. The games are extremely popular and draw fans from all over the world to visit our great state.

It is truly a *home run* for Arizona.

You may recognize some familiar faces here today to welcome your delegation ... including my Arizona Commerce Authority, Arizona Office of Tourism, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane, my Asia Advisor, Tony Kao, and members of Arizona's Taiwan community.

We are so pleased to host you in Arizona ... and we wish you a productive and memorable visit. Please come see us again soon!

Thank you.